

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 ANKARA 01957 161455Z
ACTION SY-05

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 OC-06 CCO-00 OCL-00 /024 W
-----162353Z 060531 /14

R 161405Z MAR 77
FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA
TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS
INFO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT
SECSTATE WASHDC 6788

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ANKARA 1957

ATHENS FOR TSO & ATO: FRANKFURT FOR RTC: DEPT FOR A/SY/T

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: VAULT DOOR MALFUNCTION

1. ON MARCH 15, AS MARINE SECURITY GUARD OPENED THE CHANCERY MOSLER CLASS SIX VAULT DOOR TO CONDUCT AN AFTER-HOURS INSPECTION, THE VAULT DOOR WENT INTO A LOCKED CONDITION. FORTUNATELY, THIS OCCURRED ONE INCH AFTER THE LOCKING BOLTS CLEARED THE DOOR FRAME, PREVENTING A LOCKOUT. THE RSO DISASSEMBLED THE DOOR AND FOUND THAT THE LOCKING NUT (ARBOR NUT) ON THE CRANK ASSEMBLY WAS MISSING. THIS ALLOWED EXTENSIVE PLAY IN THE DOOR HANDLE ASSEMBLY AND PERMITTED THE UPPER AND LOWER CONNECTING RODS TO DISENGAGE AND PLACE THE MECHANISM IN A LOCKED CONDITION. RSO FOUND THE ARBOR NUT ON A LOWER DOOR LEDGE. NUT WAS COVERED WITH LUBRICANT AND APPARENTLY WAS NOT REPLACED FOLLOWING LAST ATO SERVICING.

2. FURTHER INSPECTION OF DOOR REVEALED THAT THE UPPER AND LOWER BOLT ASSEMBLIES ARE NOT PROPERLY ALIGNED. THE THREE LOWER BOLTS PROTRUDE APPROXIMATELY ONE-FOURTH INCH FROM THE DOOR WHEN THE MECHANISM IS IN AN OPEN POSITION. THIS IMPEDES SMOOTH CLOSURE OF THE DOOR. THIS CONDITION HAS APPARENTLY
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 ANKARA 01957 161455Z

EXISTED FOR SOME TIME AND MAY BE RESULT OF A BENT CONNECTING ROD AT TIME OF MANUFACTURE OR FOLLOWING INSTALLATION. GRIP SCREWS IN BOTH OUTER AND INNER HANDLES WERE FOUND TO BE SEVERELY BENT AT THE THREAD END. THE DOOR HANDLE DESIGN PLACES MOST OF THE STRESS ON THE GRIP SCREW, WHICH IS NOT CONSTRUCTED OF SUFFICIENT STRENGTH METAL.

3. RSO HAS REPAIRED THE CRANK/CONNECTING ROD PROBLEM AND DOOR IS SERVICEABLE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF BOLT ASSEMBLY MISALIGNMENT, REQUEST THAT THE VAULT DOOR BE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETE SERVICING AND NECESSARY REPAIR AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. RECOMMEND THAT THE GRIP BOLTS BE REPLACED. PLEASE ADVISE.
MACOMBER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 16-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977ANKARA01957
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770090-1140
Format: TEL
From: ANKARA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770356/aaaabwsc.tel
Line Count: 68
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3bf680b7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SY
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 18-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3097205
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VAULT DOOR MALFUNCTION
TAGS: ASEC
To: ATHENS
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3bf680b7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009